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SUBJECT: ALLEGED TRAINING OF MEXICAN TERRORISTS IN MOSCOW

REF: (A) MEXICO 6832; (B) DEA 12423 (NOTAL);

(C) STATE 108721 (NOTAL)

1. REF (C) REPORTED THAT "USG HAS NO RPT NO INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE" EPIC REPORT THAT MEXICAN AGITATORS AND TERRORISTS BEING TRAINED IN MOSCOW FOR ANTI-US ACTIVITY ALONG MEXICAN BORDER.

2. REF (B), ORIGINATED BY EPIC, STATED SOURCE WAS MARCH 8 RADIO BROADCAST BY RONALD REAGAN, MONITORED BY U.S. BORDER PATROL IN HAVRE, MONTANA. REF (B) ALSO PROMISED "ADDITIONAL DETAILED DATA" BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH.

3. WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED THE "DETAILED DATA" FROM EPIC WHICH CONSISTED OF: (A) A DIA REPORT (2 201 5054 78) TRANSMITTING A COPY OF A MEXICAN 23RD OF SEPTEMBER COMMUNIST LEAGUE FIELD MANUAL CONFISCATED IN CIUDAD JUAREZ; (B) A CLIPPING FROM THE EL PASO TIMES OF 21 APR 78 REPORTING THE INDICTMENT OF THREE INDIVIDUALS FOR
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POSSESSING UNREGISTERED AUTOMATIC RIFLES; (C) AN ARTICLE FROM THE TEXAS MONTHLY OF MARCH 1978 ENTITLED "THE SMOLDERING FIRE" BY DICK REAVIS; AND (D) A 1971 BOOK BY PATTY NEWMAN ENTITLED "DO IT UP BROWN."

4. NONE RPT NONE OF THE MATERIAL MENTIONED IN PARA THREE MENTIONS TERRORIST TRAINING IN MOSCOW OR IN ANY WAY

SUPPORTS THE ORIGINAL EPIC REPORT. I AM DISAPPOINTED THAT EPIC WOULD PERMIT ITS WEEKLY BRIEF, WHICH IS WIDELY READ BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, TO BECOME A SOUNDING BOARD FOR UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS. AT THE VERY LEAST ONE WOULD EXPECT THE WEEKLY BRIEF TO NOTE ITS SOURCE (IN THIS CASE RONALD REAGAN) AND LET THE READERS JUDGE FOR THEMSELVES.

5. I URGE THAT EPIC PROMPTLY PRINT A CLARIFICATION OF ITS ORIGINAL REPORT, NOTING THAT THE USG HAS NO INFORMATION TO SUPPORT REAGAN'S CLAIM. IT WOULD BE A SOURCE OF IMMENSE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE U.S. AND A MATTER OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN TO ME, IF THIS UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORT MADE ITS WAY INTO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN WITH NO CLARIFICATION HAVING BEEN PRINTED. LUCEY

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